

# The BELL RINGER

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## Students Advised of Latent Abilities

### UN Delegate Speaks At MBA

Monday, February 23, Major Jan Eisenhart, the Danish delegate to the United Nations Conference at Lake Success, New York, gave a talk to M. B. A. students. He was received with enthusiasm by the students.

Although he told us about the general European situation, along with several good jokes, the main content of his speech was of a more serious nature.

Since war isn't necessary if we help each other, he urged us to do further that peace, and to show our belief in that peace, the Major asked. Some of our own suggestions were: to be better citizens; to send more money to the UN; to create a "U. N." in our families, our schools, our city and our state so that our influence may be felt in the rest of the world; to tolerate the opinions of others; and to give them due consideration; and above all, not to waste food.

Major Eisenhart stressed this last point in particular. He said that a European could be fed on the scraps each American leaves on his plate. To help feed the starving people of Europe, he did not advocate that we eat less. Merely to waste less would be sufficient.

Waste is one of the crimes we here. M. B. A. are guilty of which could be remedied. We may help the European food problem greatly, as Major Eisenhart has said, if we would only leave a clean plate after every meal.

### Library News

Of the many volumes recently added to our library, there are four which are particularly outstanding.

One is "History of the United States." It is the only history book of its kind, using over 1,000 thousand pictures taken directly from our magazines and newspapers of the past. The author is G. C. Concorn, to Hiroshima (1775-1945), even plying into the lives of many prominent historical figures. It tells how President John Adams got an even start at first, went swimming "jaybird" in the Potomac, how Washington had to borrow money to get from Virginia to his new home. Thus the story is written in the terms of the people who took part in it.

Special events are easily found because at the top of each page are the names of the persons which that particular event concerned.

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### The New Look

### Coke Machine Graces Gym

Ever since the Academy was founded in 1867, two questions have been foremost in the minds of the student body. First, when will we get senior privileges? As for the former, only one man, the author of this article, can answer. The latter, however, is easily answered by anyone familiar with the Hill from Coach to the smallest boy in the first form. The shiny new Coke machine in the gymnasium is the proof that the question indeed the answer of many an M. B. A. boy's prayer.

But . . . remember. The machine is here only on a trial basis. Some of the students lost and broke the bottles or in other ways violate the rules regarding the mechanical salesman, it will be swiftly removed.

Another question around school was raised by the appearance of the new juice box. Some of the boys think that since this phonograph is used so few times, it should be put to exclusive use in the cafeteria. And although Mr. Sager has been the image of Pettrillo in this matter, upon request he might allow an arrangement to be made so as must be enjoyed during lunch. Give it a thought. Are you in favor?

### First Semester Comes To End

### WILLIAMS AGAIN HEADS LIST OF SCHOOL'S BRAINS

"The Moving Finger Writes; and, having Writ, Moves on: not all your Piety nor Wit shall bring it back to cancel half a line. Nor all your Tears wash out a word of it." — Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

Al Williams certainly wishes his Piety, or his Wit, or his Tears are not enough for telling the pieces which that particular line means.

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### Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

News of the week: Cheerleaders much improved; but femininity still lacking. Student body destined for B. transfer. It might be arranged that senior playrights thwarted as S. C. B. arm-bands awarded to faculty members: School Censorship Bureau set up . . . Love birds green; that Bell Weevils die out in the winter. "I'm a Hoot" says the song of the week is "He Was Just a Kangaroo Seen Hopping About On His Tail." While the Auxiliaries are raising standards, why don't they raise the water pressure in the Science Building? . . . This poem respectfully dedicated to Tim Nelson:

The sun appears; the snow recedes; The ice melts, and drops like beads. The alligators smile in vain; Hell hath postponed again.

What boy in what red jeep cruises by West after school for what reason . . . M. B. A. succumbs to Ryan-Fickle Fingers of Fate again . . . Fess Parker goes to wisdom, gives yell. Murdock is a piker; Murdock leaves; Fess hurries home . . . Buzz Davis seen swimming across the campus, surprising students.

Hugh dances Boiler Room Rag; Study Hall suffers . . . Price and Bainbridge asked me not to mention them this month . . . I want to say . . . Andrew, a professor of feet of English classes; dastyl on the rampage . . . Blackie takes up exercising; trapped under barrels for exercise; Blackie installs silver car. Police seem to install Blackard in jail. . . . This month my guest poet is William Notworth Price; following is our selection, which is affectionately dedicated to Mrs. B.

My Lost Youth  
By W. N. Price  
In the streets where I sit,  
And from the pit I hear the screams  
Of those who are tortured by the

Creme.

I hear the voice of some demented soul  
Through whose head he drilled a hole,

And that ancient bard comes back the cold:

"The Head's will is the wind's will."

And the spikes he drives are long, long spikes."

The blood is chilled within my veins,

And from my skin the sweat runs

as I hear the dreadful mourn

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## OUR HONOR SYSTEM—TIME FOR A REBIRTH

Three years ago, the students of M. B. A. installed the honor system, a pledge of the group to abide by certain rules of honor.

Four years ago none of us comprehended to any great extent what this system meant. Most of us accepted because the Senior Class of that year, one of the finest in current times, endorsed the system so thoroughly. The original plan was to make every student who entered M. B. A. conform to these terms, so that, as the years passed on and with them the opponents to the honor system, the code would become infused into the school just as much as is football or basketball or English or Math. Eighty per cent of the boys agreed to adopt the code. The constitution was adopted, but the system has not succeeded fully, and could lose its value completely. Why?

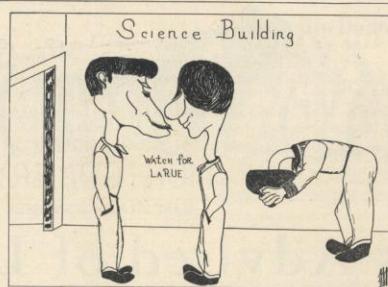
The causes of this partial failure, as I see it, must be traced to several sources. The first reason is that the boys have never been shown the value of a true honor system. The boy do not see that cheating will lead a boy to downright dishonesty in later life, if he succeeds. A boy cheats because he has not learned his work. If he is successful, he will look for easier ways to get what he needs in later life. A man embezzles \$5,000 from a bank, because it is easier than making an honest living. But if he had been shown that he could never succeed, he never would have attempted the robbery in the first place. If a boy knows that he cannot get away with cheating, he will not attempt it. And a boy who is not dishonest in high school rarely becomes dishonest in later life.

The second cause may be traced straight to our parents. When we were in the lower grades of grammar school, we came home one day and told mother how Johnny had taken Mary's apple. Our parents did one of three things. They admonished us for "tattle-taleing"; they laughed in our faces; or they went straight to Johnny's parents who punished Johnny with, what seemed to us such severeness that we resolved never to tell on anyone again. We did not realize how wise Johnny's parents had been in punishing him. Now we look at cheating in one of these ways which our parents have shown us; we are afraid to report it; or we laugh it off; or we are afraid of the consequences to our friend.

The third cause for the failure lies in the teachers. Many of the teachers do not realize that the honor system was a bargain, not a one-sided affair. They want the students to abide by the honor system and yet they do not trust them. How many teachers today would leave a class on an examination as a few teachers have done? And how many boys could cheat under such circumstances? When a teacher shows such confidence in a class, he is longer becoming a teacher, see how much the student can get away with. It is a test of whether a student is man enough to accept the responsibility and fulfill it. Some of the teachers mock the honor system by failing to take a boy's word as his pledge. Perhaps, too, it is mostly the teachers' fault that the boys have not been indoctrinated to the code.

Then what should we do now to save our waning honor system? Should we let the system die out completely as it is sure to do within a year or two? I think not. I believe that we should start from scratch—discard the old code completely. Give our plan for making M. B. A. tops in character-building a rebirth. First, as was done before, the seniors should be enlisted solidly behind the cause. They should act as delegates to further the understanding of the honor system among the younger boys. They should teach the boys just how much an honor code, if enacted properly could mean to the school. Again a vote should be taken among the entire student body as to whether the code is to be maintained. If the code is upheld, the constitution should be changed so as to make the honor council a living, working organism of the school. The grade school boys who could not perhaps grasp the meaning of the system should not be asked to sign the pledge until they entered high school. A method should be worked out whereby a Senior or a Junior might show the new students the meaning of the Honor code. Perhaps the school should publish a pamphlet giving the constitution, the advantages, and the meaning of the system to the newcomer. In other words every effort should be made to infuse into his character the aspect of honor which is so neglected in many schools.

The time to act is now. If the honor system is not improved it should be dropped, for it is better to have none than a bad one. The responsibility falls first upon the teachers. If they want an honor system, they should set in now to make it effective. Else it must soon fall into ignoble oblivion.



## Class News

## Grade School News

I wonder who the boys with the water guns were?

Coach Allen was very surprised the other day when he came in Miss T's room. I wonder if George "Go-Plugs" Smart had anything to do with it?

Ray (I never remember anything) Scott was taken in by the police. They thought he was a French spy.

Mr. Dixon would like to borrow the stapler, please.

Who is Lochinvar?

The complex sentences have been numerous in second form English that many are getting complex minds.

Microbes beat Stokes 22 to 18 in a two minute overtime.

Page?

The reasons this column is not more...

Is because my arm is so sore.

The reason for this,

The teacher's great bliss

In giving lessons galore.

tube and almost cut his hand off? After all thistle tubes are three for a dime.

4. Will Balford Dickerson take Tim Calvin's shackles?

5. Will Fort Younger last

through the Civil War or will it crack up?

6. Will Bob Parrish ever replace Mr. Sager's bell?

7. Doesn't Don Wade really know the workings of the study hall?

8. Will Horn blow up the office

safe or will he wait till June to get his water gun?

9. Is Lovell really as dumb as he looks?

10. Did Jarman stumble or was he just falling for another girl?

11. Will any of the English students get over the numerous hiccups?

12. Will this reporter be with the paper next month?

Ed. Note—Not if I can help it.

## Freshman News

Everything got off with a "bang" this month. The "bang" was Miss Mae shooting "Silence" McDaniel and "Good-boy" Bracy. At the district tournament we saw the Flyer, Bauer, Crisp, "Bench-warmer," Foy, and Harold "Too much to Say" Bauer cheering and bumping their heads together.

We have a couple of professional basketball players in mid mid (for however you spell it). The lads are Jimmy Ray and Bob Cherry. "Good Lord" is the junior varsity tournament, boys.

If you see Pete "Romeo" Austin or Bob Graham, tell them to give each other.

—The Vacuum Cleaner."

## "MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Coachisms . . . At the M. B. A. East game a cop caught Price firing a water gun at Spickard and took Price to coach to see what punishment he would recommend. To which the coach replied: "Can't say, used it myself last game. (Inidentally he did . . . his shot hit Hawkins in the back of the neck.)

Remindful of the talkativeness of women is the fact that Munson while broadcasting high school games always keeps his hand clasped over the ear nearest to his wife.

Congratulations to . . . Charlie Hawkins for his fine performance that gained him a berth on the All-Eighth District tournament team.

For the third year the small teams he played in the M. B. A.-West game . . . Jim Morris for having the highest average among his team of 10 goals made out of field goals attempted . . . The whole school for the noise made at the M. B. A.-East game.

Did the shot which Morris sank immediately before the half in the M. B. A.-West game leave his hands before or after the buzzer sounded ending that period?

Who the members of this year's golf team will be a puzzle. John Ambrose will play the number one spot and David Wiles will probably be the best behind him. As for the other positions your guess is as good as the next person's.

Chances are excellent for M. B. A. having one of the top basketball combines in the state next year. The Maroons will probably line up something like this: forward—Munson and Veasey; center—Hawkins; guards—Worrall and either Blackard, Morris or Don Wade. Bobby Chickey seems a good choice for the eighth man on the squad.

It's hard to see how Bobby Worrall missed getting one of the guard spots on the first string of the Banner's All City.

It looks as if next season M. B. A. for the first time in five or six years will not be an easy walk for West. The Blue Jays will lose all of the boys on their starting five this year.

In John Jay Hooker M. B. A. has one of the state's top junior netters. Although he will be ineligible for play as a member of the team, he will furnish good competition for the tennis squad.

## Junior Varsity Tops West

Avenging an early season loss, the Maroon Junior Varsity toppled the West Junior Varsity 22-12 in the Jay courts, Jan. 23. In the initial quarter, the lead changed hands several times. Jack Fore, new addition to the club since mid-term exams, was on top, but was headed by M. B. A. on top, never to be headed. Billy Bryan then tallied on another clip to give the Maroons an 8-5 first period advantage.

At the start of the second Varsity was still holding on to its three point lead and was ahead 15-12.

In the third quarter the Maroon defense took the situation well in hand, holding West to one field goal while chucking up seven goals themselves.

The Blue Jays staged a last period rally, pounding the floor for several minutes, but could only add two points shy of M. B. A.'s total for the night. When the final horn sounded, the Junior Varsity had a 23-21 ball game under its hat. This was the Maroons' third consecutive victory and their sixth win in nine starts.

Centers Stinson Oman and Jack Fore were the leading scorers for M. B. A. with seven and six points, respectively.

Jan. 24, the B team meets North's Junior varsity on the Maroon hardwood.

## Maroons Win Second From West Blue Jays

### B Team Tourney Opens At M.B.A.

For the third year Freshman-Sophomore teams are competing at M. B. A. for the Interscholastic League B team championship. Run on much the same order as the Eighth District Championship at Father Ryan and the Seventh District Championship at Isaac Littow, this tournament is open to any team that wishes to enter. All players are governed by T. S. S. A. rules concerning eligibility and cannot be further advanced than the Sophomore year.

First conceived by Coach Allen three years ago, it has been his show all the way. The championship has been won by M. B. A. once and once by Dupont. There is no trophy other than the one awarded to the winning team each i.e. no running trophy.

This year, during the regular season, Mr. Hackman's boys have been playing teams on which juniors and sometimes seniors played and so do not have an especially enviable won-and-lost record.

However, in the opening game of the tournament, they beat Ryan, to whom they had lost twice previously, by eight points. Thus, since in the tournament they will be competing only with boys their age, they have a pretty fair chance of winning the title this year. We all hope that they will be able to bring home a second "B" championship.

### Character-Catches

#### LARRY MUNSON

For the past year a young man named Larry Munson has been gaining quite a reputation among Nashville sport fans with his announcing of the local sport events. His unique ability to catch the action of a game and bring it into the listener's own home has been gaining him weekly a large audience. This ability stems from a colorful personality and a natural gift for advertising.

This talent was developed while Munson was at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here he participated for three years in basketball, football, and track and was outstanding in each. After his graduation he enrolled at the University of Minnesota. Three and a half years later having found the Maroons in athletic very tough, Munson transferred to Moorehead State Teachers College where his junior and senior years he took part in track, basketball, and football.

Munson's interest in radio first became evident in 1943 while he was employed by the Ford Motor Company to test-drive tanks. This interested him to attend night school to study radio.

After the completion of his course in radio, he obtained a job broadcasting the service football games (in which such stars as Buddy Young

and Jim Thorpe were) for the Maroon Varsity.

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## Personality of the Month



Our personality of the month is Robert Brown. Bob, who is in his fourth and senior year at school, has distinguished himself in all three areas of student life—scholarship, leadership, and athletics.

First, here is a glimpse of his scholastic honors. Bob's name has been absent from few privilege lists since he has maintained high average in all of his classes. He has won the sophomore English medal, and the chemistry medal. Bob was a member of the Junior Class of the English Society, until its departure from our school.

In the field of leadership, Bob, has capably filled several class offices. He was vice president of his freshman class, and is now treasurer of his junior class. Bob this year is secretary and treasurer of his senior class. Bob is a member of the Key Club and the Homecoming. He was also one of M. B. A.'s representatives to Boys' State last summer.

Bob played cootie football in his sophomore year, and in his junior and senior year played Varsity football. Bob not only made the first team, but became a standout lineman. He was recognized by Coach and is considered one of our most dependable linemen.

Bob's favorite sport is football. His hobby is camping. Bob is a great fan of the outdoors and loves nothing better than fishing, hunting, and camping. His favorite food is fried chicken—whose isn't? Both his favorite and hardest subject is English.

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But always be careful  
Not to say it with ink.

Put a yellow canary in a meat-grinder and you get shredded tweet?

John Q.: Are you troubled with

### CHARACTER-CATCHES

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the basketball teams in the Rockies. These are Kentucky, Tulane, and Tennessee.

According to Munson the prep schools of Tennessee are far superior in football and basketball to the schools of the Mid-West; also the college football is better here than in the Rockies. Munson (who is quite a fisherman) believes, however, that the fishing in the Rockies is much better than in Tennessee.

Munson's favorite hobbies are fishing and hunting. When he was six years old he owned a shotgun and when he was eight, a fishing rod.

He likes to eat good food and would rather pronounce football than either basketball or baseball. He would rather make "live" broadcasts than those in which he makes his own sound effects.

As for his plans for the future, Munson has bought a house and plans to stay here if the smog doesn't drive him out.

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improper thoughts?  
Ingram: No, as a matter of fact, I rather enjoy them.

When the Dr. asked Jarman what kind of stick he preferred Franklin answered brightly, "Oh, just sunure, self, Doc."

Susie had a nice new skirt. So bright, so neat, so choosy; It never showed a speck of dirt, But, gosh, how it showed Susie.

J.T.Y.: Call me a taxi.  
Jarman: O.K. You're a taxi.

Price: What makes you so popular?  
O.A.W.: My line.  
Price: Your line?  
O.A.W.: The line of least resistance.

Mary had a little swing  
It wasn't hard to find  
For every where that Mary went  
The swing was right behind

### Cooties Rip Duncan B Team, 44-20

February 3, Fess Hackman's powerful Junior Varsity roared to their seventh win of the season, blasting Duncan's B team 44-20 on Friday. Duncan was able to rally out one field goal and one M. B. the Maroon court. In the initial A. racked up seventeen markers. In the second quarter the JV's send stings started and were held two points. At halftime the Maroons were in possession of a commanding 19-8 advantage.

Duncan showed a resemblance of an offering in the third period, chalking up ten points but it was no match for the smooth rolling Maroon combine which raised its total to thirty-three. In the final quarter Duncan collected two free throws to end their scoring for the night. M. B. A. was still going strong and in the fading minutes Ingram Fox hit a triple shot for the Varsity's last score. The Junior Varsity left the court with a convincing 44-20 victory.

Billy Coble and Billy Bryan capped the scoring honors with 13 points each. Robert McNeilly and Jack Ford earned second place honors with 6 marks apiece.

### WALLACE'S TEAM

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agrd to hold on the two point margin and eke out a 28-26 win.

The high scorer of the game was Moore Milam with nine markers. Jack Leech and Billy Price were tops for the losers with seven and six points, respectively.

Pos.—Wallace (28) E. Nelson (26)  
G.—Miller (5) E. Nelson (4)  
G.—Milam (9) Leech (7)  
C.—Wallace (5) Wiley (4)  
F.—Bainbridge (4) J. Engle (3)  
F.—Noel (5) Price (6)  
Subs—Swaney.

### MANAGER

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managing a football, basketball, or baseball team. First, take foot. His main duties are to attend every practice and keep the players supplied with fresh towels. The lesser duties are: Keeping up with the schedule, furnishing equipment before games; helping Coach tape ankles before games; keeping hoods straight; furnishing water to players at time out; and, most tiresome, listening to unsatisfied players' gripes.

Of course, in basketball he attends all games and furnishes towels. During games, there are individually owned jackets, and T-shirts which have to be kept up with.

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